

**En Bloc Amendments to H.R. 4435**  
**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015**  
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Military Personnel En Bloc #1		
Log #	Sponsor	Description
<b>001</b>	Jones	Authorizes a chaplain, if called upon to lead a prayer outside of a religious service, to close the prayer according to the traditions, expressions, and religious exercises of the endorsing faith group.
<b>022</b>	Bordallo	Allow Chief of NGB to appoint, in consultation with the SecArmy and SECAF, the general officers who will serve as Director, ARNG and Deputy Director ARNG, Director ANG; Deputy Director ANG
<b>035</b>	Speier	Permits interlocutory appeal of MRE 513 (psychotherapist-patient privilege) and MRE 412 (rape shield) rulings, in line with the rights of civilian victims under the Crime Victims Rights Act, 18 USC 3771(d)(3).
<b>058</b>	Wilson	Expands the authority under section 2492 of title 10, USC, to provide DOD the authority to provide or obtain food services beneficial to the efficient management and operation of dining facilities on military installations offering food services to service members
<b>061</b>	Davis	Adds a date to section 641 in the bill.
<b>118</b>	Fleming	Additional requirements to Review of Military Health System Modernization Study
<b>148</b>	Lamborn	Directs the SecDef and SecVA to analyze the potential benefits of a joint partnership in the Colorado Springs area in order to meet the growing demand for healthcare in the area from their departments.
<b>199</b>	Hunter	Allows base commanders to work with non-government entities for housing relocation purposes
<b>215</b>	Miller	Establishes a 3-year working group within the VA-DOD Joint Executive Committee to evaluate and reform the Integrated Disability Evaluation System of the DoD and VA to increase efficiency and eliminate redundancy.
<b>228</b>	Cooper	Reduces the amount of enlisted aides that support General Officers. Current law limits them to 300, bill proposes a percentage reduction that would take them down to 244

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4435****OFFERED BY MR. JONES OF NORTH CAROLINA**

At the end of subtitle C of title V, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . PROTECTION OF THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM OF**  
2 **MILITARY CHAPLAINS TO CLOSE A PRAYER**  
3 **OUTSIDE OF A RELIGIOUS SERVICE ACCORD-**  
4 **ING TO THE TRADITIONS, EXPRESSIONS, AND**  
5 **RELIGIOUS EXERCISES OF THE ENDORSING**  
6 **FAITH GROUP.**

7 (a) UNITED STATES ARMY.—Section 3547 of title  
8 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
9 the following new subsection:

10 “(c) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-  
11 gious service, a chaplain shall have the prerogative to close  
12 the prayer according to the traditions, expressions, and  
13 religious exercises of the endorsing faith group.”

14 (b) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Section  
15 4337 of such title is amended—

16 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “There”; and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
18 section:

1           “(b) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-  
2 gious service, the Chaplain shall have the prerogative to  
3 close the prayer according to the traditions, expressions,  
4 and religious exercises of the endorsing faith group.”.

5           (c) UNITED STATES NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.—  
6 Section 6031 of such title is amended by adding at the  
7 end the following new subsection:

8           “(d) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-  
9 gious service, a chaplain shall have the prerogative to close  
10 the prayer according to the traditions, expressions, and  
11 religious exercises of the endorsing faith group.”.

12           (d) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE.—Section 8547 of  
13 such title is amended by adding at the end the following  
14 new subsection:

15           “(e) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-  
16 gious service, a chaplain shall have the prerogative to close  
17 the prayer according to the traditions, expressions, and  
18 religious exercises of the endorsing faith group.”.

19           (e) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—Section  
20 9337 of such title is amended—

21                   (1) by inserting “(a)” before “There”; and

22                   (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
23 section:

24           “(b) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-  
25 gious service, the Chaplain shall have the prerogative to

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- 1 close the prayer according to the traditions, expressions,
- 2 and religious exercises of the endorsing faith group.”.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4435**  
**OFFERED BY MS. BORDALLO OF GUAM +**

*Mr. Palazzo of  
Mississippi*

At the end of subtitle B of title V, add the following  
new section:

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU ROLE**  
2 **IN ASSIGNMENT OF DIRECTORS AND DEPUTY**  
3 **DIRECTORS OF THE ARMY AND AIR NA-**  
4 **TIONAL GUARDS.**

5 (a) RECOMMENDATION BY CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL  
6 GUARD BUREAU.—Paragraph (1) of section 10506(a) of  
7 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “selected  
9 by the Secretary of the Army” and inserting “rec-  
10 ommended by the Chief of the National Guard Bu-  
11 reau, in consultation with the Secretary of the  
12 Army,”; and

13 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “selected  
14 by the Secretary of the Air Force” and inserting  
15 “recommended by the Chief of the National Guard  
16 Bureau, in consultation with the Secretary of the  
17 Air Force,”.

18 (b) ASSISTANCE TO CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL  
19 GUARD BUREAU.—Paragraph (2) of such section is

1 amended by striking “The officers so selected” and insert-  
2 ing “The Director and Deputy Director, Army National  
3 Guard, and the Director and Deputy Director, Air Na-  
4 tional Guard,”.

5 (c) CONDITION ON ASSIGNMENT AND CONFORMING  
6 AMENDMENTS.—Paragraph (3) of such section is amend-  
7 ed—

8 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “The  
9 President” and inserting “Consistent with para-  
10 graph (1), the President”;

11 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “the Sec-  
12 retary of the military department concerned” and in-  
13 sserting “the Chief of the National Guard Bureau as  
14 provided in paragraph (1)”;

15 (3) by striking subparagraph (D); and

16 (4) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as sub-  
17 paragraph (D).



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4435**  
**OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of subtitle D of title V, add the following  
new section:

1 **SEC. 5\_\_\_ . ENFORCEMENT OF CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS RE-**  
2 **LATED TO PROTECTIONS AFFORDED BY CER-**  
3 **TAIN MILITARY RULES OF EVIDENCE.**

4 Section 806b of title 10, United States Code (article  
5 6b of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), is amended  
6 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

7 “(e) ENFORCEMENT BY COURT OF CRIMINAL AP-  
8 PEALS.—(1) If the victim of an offense under this chapter  
9 believes that a court-martial ruling violates the victim’s  
10 rights afforded by a Military Rule of Evidence specified  
11 in paragraph (2), the victim may petition the Court of  
12 Criminal Appeals for a writ of mandamus to require the  
13 court-martial to comply with the Military Rule of Evi-  
14 dence. The Court of Criminal Appeals may issue the writ  
15 on the order of a single judge and shall take up and decide  
16 the petition within 72 hours after the petition has been  
17 filed.

18 “(2) Paragraph (1) applies with respect to the protec-  
19 tions afforded by the following:

1           “(A) Military Rule of Evidence 513, relating to  
2           the psychotherapist-patient privilege.

3           “(B) Military Rule of Evidence 412, relating to  
4           the admission of evidence regarding a victim’s sexual  
5           background.

6           “(3) Court-martial proceedings may not be stayed or  
7           subject to a continuance of more than five days for pur-  
8           poses of enforcing this subsection. If the Court of Criminal  
9           Appeals denies the relief sought, the reasons for the denial  
10          shall be clearly stated on the record in a written opinion.”.





## AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4435

### OFFERED BY MR. WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA

At the end of subtitle C of title VI, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 6\_\_\_. AUTHORITY OF NONAPPROPRIATED FUND IN-**  
2 **STRUMENTALITIES TO ENTER INTO CON-**  
3 **TRACTS WITH OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES**  
4 **AND INSTRUMENTALITIES TO PROVIDE AND**  
5 **OBTAIN CERTAIN GOODS AND SERVICES.**

6 Section 2492 of title 10, United States Code, is  
7 amended by striking “Federal department, agency, or in-  
8 strumentality” and all that follows through the period at  
9 the end of the section and inserting the following: “Fed-  
10 eral department, agency, or instrumentality—

11 “(1) to provide or obtain goods and services  
12 beneficial to the efficient management and operation  
13 of the exchange system or that morale, welfare, and  
14 recreation system; or

15 “(2) to provide or obtain food services beneficial  
16 to the efficient management and operation of the  
17 dining facilities on military installations offering  
18 food services to members of the armed forces.”.



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## AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4435

### OFFERED BY MRS. DAVIS OF CALIFORNIA

In subsection (b) of section 641, relating to the anonymous survey of members of the Armed Forces regarding their preferences for military pay and benefits, strike “Upon the completion of a survey conducted under this section” and insert “Not later than March 1, 2015”.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4435****OFFERED BY MR. FLEMING OF LOUISIANA**

In section 714(a)(2)(A), insert after clause (vii) the following new clauses (and redesignating the subsequent clauses accordingly):

1                   (viii) whether the facility has a  
2                   helipad capable of receiving medical evacu-  
3                   ation airlift patients arriving on the pri-  
4                   mary evacuation aircraft platform for the  
5                   military installation served;

6                   (ix) a determination of whether the ci-  
7                   vilian hospital system in which the facility  
8                   resides is a Federally-designated under-  
9                   served medical community and the effect  
10                  on such community from any reduction in  
11                  staff or functions or downgrade of the fa-  
12                  cility;

13                  (x) if the facility serves a training  
14                  center, a determination, made in consulta-  
15                  tion with the appropriate training direc-  
16                  torate, training and doctrine command,  
17                  and forces command of each military de-  
18                  partment, of the risk with respect to high

1 tempo, live-fire military operations, and the  
2 potential for a mass casualty event if the  
3 facility is downgraded to a clinic or re-  
4 duced in personnel or capabilities;

5 (xi) a site assessment by TRICARE  
6 to assess the network capabilities of  
7 TRICARE providers in the local area;



## **Amendment Offered by Rep. Doug Lamborn** **H.R. 4435—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015**

In the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

### Joint DoD/VA Healthcare in Colorado Springs

The committee is aware that the Defense Health Agency has identified Colorado Springs, Colorado as the fastest growing Enhanced Multi-Service Market (EMSM) for healthcare in the country. As such, demand for healthcare may exceed the current capacity of Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities in the region. Joint DOD-VA-civilian partnerships that can serve both active duty service members, their families, and veterans have the potential to be an effective, cost-saving approach to enhancing access to and the quality of healthcare services provided by the DoD, VA, and the private sector. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to analyze the potential benefits of a partnership in the Colorado Springs area in order to better address the growing need for healthcare services. This analysis should consider the challenges that arise from the VA and DoD having different planning and budget timelines, authorizations and approval processes, personnel staffing authorities and requirements, pharmaceutical policies, clinical scheduling policies and procedures, management structure and performance evaluations, and provide solutions to address these challenge to best leverage the capabilities of the two Departments as well as the civilian community. The analysis should consider both the benefits and challenges seen in previous efforts to consolidate DOD and VA facilities, as well as current joint DoD-VA healthcare projects. The Secretary of Defense should report the results of the analysis to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees no later than 120 days after date of enactment of this act.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4435**  
**OFFERED BY MR. HUNTER OF CALIFORNIA**

At the appropriate place in title III insert the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR**  
2 **THE PROVISION OF RELOCATION SERVICES.**

3 The Secretary of Defense may authorize the com-  
4 mander of a military base to enter into a contract with  
5 an appropriate entity for the provision of relocation serv-  
6 ices to members of the Armed Forces.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4435**  
**OFFERED BY MR. MILLER OF FLORIDA**

At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following:

1 **SECTION 5\_\_\_.** **WORKING GROUP ON INTEGRATED DIS-**  
2 **ABILITY EVALUATION SYSTEM.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established within  
4 the Department of Veterans Affairs-Department of De-  
5 fense Joint Executive Committee under section 320 of title  
6 38, United States Code, a Working Group (in this section  
7 referred to as the “Working Group”) to evaluate and re-  
8 form the Integrated Disability Evaluation System of the  
9 Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans  
10 Affairs. The Working Group shall be established under the  
11 Disability Evaluation System Working Group of the Joint  
12 Executive Committee.

13 (b) **PILOT PROGRAM.**—

14 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Working Group shall  
15 carry out a pilot program that will co-locate the  
16 services and personnel of the Department of Defense  
17 and the Department of Veterans Affairs to create an  
18 integrated model that continues the improvement of

1 the Integrated Disability Evaluation System process  
2 through—

3 (A) increased process efficiencies, as deter-  
4 mined by the Working Group;

5 (B) the creation of a standardized form set  
6 described in subsection (c)(3);

7 (C) the elimination of redundancies;

8 (D) the improvement of existing process  
9 timelines of the Integrated Disability Evalua-  
10 tion System;

11 (E) increased service member satisfaction;  
12 and

13 (F) the establishment of an information  
14 technology bridging solution described in sub-  
15 section (c)(4).

16 (2) DURATION.—The pilot program under para-  
17 graph (1) shall be carried for a period not exceeding  
18 three years.

19 (c) GOALS OF PILOT PROGRAM.—In carrying out the  
20 pilot program under subsection (b), the Working Group  
21 shall ensure the following:

22 (1) The period beginning on the date on which  
23 an eligible member begins to participate in the pilot  
24 program and ending on the date on which the Sec-



1       retary of Veterans Affairs determines the disability  
2       rating of the member is not more than 295 days.

3           (2) Employees of the Department of Defense  
4       and the Department of Veterans Affairs who carry  
5       out the pilot program are co-located in the same fa-  
6       cility, to the extent practicable, to determine the effi-  
7       ciencies provided by locating services of the Depart-  
8       ments in the same location.

9           (3) The elimination of redundant forms by cre-  
10       ating and using a standardized electronic form set  
11       with respect to information that the Secretary of  
12       Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs both  
13       require for an eligible member participating in the  
14       pilot program.

15          (4) The establishment of an information tech-  
16       nology bridging solution between the existing E-ben-  
17       efits program and the MYIDES dashboard to ensure  
18       that both such programs contain the information  
19       that is added to the claim of an eligible member par-  
20       ticipating in the pilot program.

21          (5) Using the solution established under para-  
22       graph (5), eligible members participating in the pilot  
23       program are able to use the existing identification  
24       number of the member used by the Department of  
25       Defense to—

1 (A) automatically track the status of the  
2 claim of the member, including with respect to  
3 the office of the Department of Defense or the  
4 Department of Veterans Affairs that is respon-  
5 sible for the evaluation as of the date of access-  
6 ing such solution; and

7 (B) be informed of the estimated timeline  
8 of the evaluation of the claim.

9 (6) Using the solution established under para-  
10 graph (4), the Working Group and the Secretaries  
11 may—

12 (A) identify the office and employee of the  
13 Department of Defense or the Department of  
14 Veterans Affairs who are responsible for the  
15 evaluation of a claim at any given time; and

16 (B) track individual employees of the De-  
17 partment of Defense and the Department of  
18 Veterans Affairs with respect to statistics meas-  
19 uring quality and accuracy at the case level.

20 (7) Eligible members who participate in the  
21 pilot program have the opportunity to use an exit  
22 survey (approved by the Secretary of Defense and  
23 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs) that informs the  
24 Working Group of the satisfaction of the member  
25 with respect to the pilot program.

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1 (d) ELIGIBLE MEMBERS.—A member of the Armed  
2 Forces who is being separated or retired from the Armed  
3 Forces for disability under chapter 61 of title 10, United  
4 States Code, is eligible to participate in the pilot program  
5 under subsection (b) if—

6 (1) the member is referred to the Integrated  
7 Disability Evaluation System beginning on or after  
8 the date of the commencement of the pilot program  
9 by the specific medical authority of a military de-  
10 partment; and

11 (2) the evaluation of the member under the In-  
12 tegrated Disability Evaluation System is processed  
13 at the disability rating activity site in Providence,  
14 Rhode Island.

15 (e) TIMELINE.—By not later than 120 days after the  
16 date of the first meeting of the Working Group, the Work-  
17 ing Group shall—

18 (1) establish the pilot program under subsection  
19 (b); and

20 (2) establish standards for the products, soft-  
21 ware, personnel, approved standardized electronic  
22 form set described in subsection (c)(3), and other  
23 matters required to carry out the pilot program; and

24 (3) identify the security required for the infor-  
25 mation systems of the pilot program.

1 (f) LOCATION.—The pilot program established under  
2 subsection (b) shall be located at Walter Reed National  
3 Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

4 (g) COOPERATION.—

5 (1) ASSIGNMENT.—The Secretary of Defense  
6 and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall assign  
7 employees of both Departments to the location speci-  
8 fied in subsection (f) during the period in which the  
9 pilot program is carried out.

10 (2) PRIORITIZATION.—As determined appro-  
11 priate by the Department of Veterans Affairs-De-  
12 partment of Defense Joint Executive Committee,  
13 employees of the Veterans Benefits Administration  
14 who rate claims for disability may be assigned to the  
15 pilot program under subsection (b) in a sufficient  
16 number to ensure that claims for disability that are  
17 approved are processed—

18 (A) for proposed rating decision not later  
19 than 15 days after such approval; and

20 (B) for notification of benefits and author-  
21 ization of award not later than 30 days after  
22 separation from the Armed Forces.

23 (h) TREATMENT IN CURRENT IDES.—If an eligible  
24 member who is participating in the pilot program under  
25 subsection (b) elects to instead participate in the Inte-

1 grated Disability Evaluation System, the Secretary of De-  
2 fense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall evaluate  
3 the eligible member under the Integrated Disability Eval-  
4 uation System by recognizing the date of the original  
5 claim of the member and without any penalty with respect  
6 to the priority of the member in such system.

7 (i) REPORTS.—

8 (1) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—During each 90-  
9 day period during the period in which the Working  
10 Group carries out the pilot program under sub-  
11 section (b), the Working Group shall submit to the  
12 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
13 fairs, and the Department of Veterans Affairs-De-  
14 partment of Defense Joint Executive Committee a  
15 report on the status of the pilot program. The report  
16 shall include—

17 (A) the average number of days that an el-  
18 igible member participates in the pilot program  
19 before the Secretary of Veterans Affairs deter-  
20 mines the disability rating of the member;

21 (B) the extent to which forms have been  
22 eliminated pursuant to subsection (c)(3);

23 (C) the extent to which the information  
24 technology bridging solution established pursu-

1 ant to subsection (c)(4) has improved informa-  
2 tion sharing between the Departments;

3 (D) the results of exit surveys described in  
4 subsection (c)(7);

5 (E) the extent to which employees of the  
6 Department of Defense and the Department of  
7 Veterans Affairs have been co-located in the  
8 same facility under the pilot program; and

9 (F) the determination of the Working  
10 Group, based on data collected during the  
11 course of the pilot program, with respect to the  
12 feasibility of increasing the efficiency of the  
13 program to decrease the number of days of the  
14 goal described in subsection (c)(1).

15 (2) SUBMISSION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS.—  
16 Not later than 30 days after the date on which the  
17 Working Group submits a report under paragraph  
18 (1), the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of  
19 Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to the appro-  
20 priate congressional committees such report.

21 (3) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days  
22 after the date on which the pilot program under sub-  
23 section (b) is completed, the Working Group shall  
24 submit to the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of  
25 Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Veterans

1 Affairs-Department of Defense Joint Executive  
2 Committee a report on the pilot program, including  
3 an analysis of the pilot program and any rec-  
4 ommendations regarding whether the pilot program  
5 should be expanded.

6 (4) SUBMISSION OF FINAL REPORT.—Not later  
7 than 30 days after the date on which the Working  
8 Group submits the report under paragraph (3), the  
9 Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans  
10 Affairs shall jointly submit to the appropriate con-  
11 gressional committees such report.

12 (j) MEMBERSHIP.—

13 (1) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Work-  
14 ing Group shall be composed of 15 members ap-  
15 pointed by the Department of Veterans Affairs-De-  
16 partment of Defense Joint Executive Committee  
17 from among individuals who have subject matter ex-  
18 pertise or other relevant experience in government,  
19 the private sector, or academia regarding—

20 (A) health care;

21 (B) medical records;

22 (C) logistics;

23 (D) information technology; or

24 (E) other relevant subjects.

1           (2) DISQUALIFICATION.—An individual may not  
2 be appointed to the Working Group if the individual  
3 has served on the Department of Veterans Affairs-  
4 Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee  
5 or any working group thereof.

6           (3) EMPLOYEES OF DEPARTMENTS.—Not more  
7 than a total of four individuals who are employed by  
8 either the Department of Defense or the Depart-  
9 ment of Veterans Affairs may be appointed to the  
10 Working Group to ensure that the efficiencies and  
11 best practices of the pilot program do not violate the  
12 policies of the Departments. Such an individual who  
13 is appointed may not serve as chairman of the  
14 Working Group or serve in any other supervisory or  
15 leadership role.

16           (4) ADVISORS.—The Working Group shall seek  
17 advice from experts from nongovernmental organiza-  
18 tions (including veterans service organizations, sur-  
19 vivors of members of the Armed Forces or veterans,  
20 and military organizations), the Internet technology  
21 industry, private sector hospital administrators, and  
22 other entities the Working Group determines appro-  
23 priate.

24           (5) CHAIRMAN.—Except as provided by para-  
25 graph (3), the Department of Veterans Affairs-De-



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1       partment of Defense Joint Executive Committee  
2       shall designate a member of the Working Group to  
3       serve as chairman of the Working Group.

4           (6) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—Members of  
5       the Working Group shall be appointed for the life of  
6       the Working Group. A vacancy shall not affect its  
7       powers.

8           (7) VACANCY.—A vacancy on the Working  
9       Group shall be filled in the manner in which the  
10      original appointment was made.

11          (8) APPOINTMENT DEADLINE.—The appoint-  
12      ment of members of the Working Group established  
13      in this section shall be made not later than 60 days  
14      after the date of the enactment of this Act.

15          (9) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—Each mem-  
16      ber of the Working Group who is not an officer or  
17      employee of the United States shall be compensated  
18      at a rate equal to the daily equivalent of the annual  
19      rate of basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Exec-  
20      utive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United  
21      States Code, for each day (including travel time)  
22      during which the member is engaged in the perform-  
23      ance of the duties of the Working Group. All mem-  
24      bers of the Working Group who are officers or em-  
25      ployees of the United States shall serve without com-

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1        pensation in addition to that received for their serv-  
2        ices as officers or employees of the United States.

3        (k) MEETINGS.—

4            (1) INITIAL MEETING.—The Working Group  
5        shall hold its first meeting not later than 15 days  
6        after the date on which a majority of the members  
7        are appointed.

8            (2) MINIMUM NUMBER OF MEETINGS.—The  
9        Working Group shall meet not less than twice each  
10       year regarding the pilot program under subsection  
11       (b), including the progress, status, implementation,  
12       and execution of the pilot program.

13          (1) TERMINATION OF WORKING GROUP.—The Work-  
14       ing Group shall terminate on the date on which the Work-  
15       ing Group submits the report under subsection (i)(3).

16          (m) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17            (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-  
18        mittees” means the following:

19                  (A) The Committees on Veterans’ Affairs  
20        of the House of Representatives and the Sen-  
21        ate.

22                  (B) The Committees on Armed Services of  
23        the House of Representatives and the Senate.

24            (2) The term “Integrated Disability Evaluation  
25        System” means the disability evaluation system used

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1 jointly by the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-  
2 retary of Veterans Affairs.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4435**  
**OFFERED BY MR. COOPER OF TENNESSEE**

At the end of subtitle A of title V, add the following  
new section:

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF ENLISTED AIDES**  
2 **AUTHORIZED FOR OFFICERS OF THE ARMY,**  
3 **NAVY, AIR FORCE, AND MARINE CORPS.**

4 (a) **MODIFICATION OF CURRENT LIMITATION.**—Sec-  
5 tion 981 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “the sum of  
7 (1)” and all that follows through the period at end  
8 of the subsection and inserting the following: “the  
9 sum of—

10 “(1) two times the number of officers serving  
11 on active duty at the end of the preceding fiscal year  
12 in the grade of general or admiral; and

13 “(2) the number of officers serving on active  
14 duty at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the  
15 grade of lieutenant general or vice admiral.”; and

16 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “Not more  
17 than 300 enlisted members” and inserting “Not  
18 more than the lesser of 300 enlisted members or the

1 number of enlisted members determined for a fiscal  
2 year under subsection (a)”.

3 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Such section is further  
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
5 section:

6 “(c) Not later than March 1 of each year, the Sec-  
7 retary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on  
8 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-  
9 atives a report specifying—

10 “(1) the total number of enlisted members as-  
11 signed to duty at any time during the previous fiscal  
12 year as enlisted aides for officers of the Army, Navy,  
13 Air Force, and Marine Corps; and

14 “(2) the number of authorized enlisted aides by  
15 each general officer and flag officer position during  
16 the previous fiscal year.”.

